

## Marion Lacy 70

30 Mar. 1980

Marion Lacy, 70, a former businessman of Whitefish, died in Prescott, Ariz., Sunday.

Lacy was born Aug. 3, 1909, at Meno, Okla., a son of Ernest and Lulu Lacy. When a small child he moved with his parents to Hoopeston, Ill., where he received his schooling. In the late 1920s he came to the area around Moiese, and later to Arizona where he was a hard rock miner. He later returned to Montana where he married Etta Boulden in 1933 at Polson. He served for a time as a lookout in Glacier National Park.

In 1944 the couple moved to Whitefish where they established the Lacy Photo Studio, which they owned and operated until January of 1976 when they sold their business to Ralph Burtsfield. They moved to Prescott, Ariz., in 1979 for reasons of health.

Lacy won many awards for his portraits and his photographic art of capturing scenic beauty as well as his skillful industrial photography. He won the highest honor to be earned in the photographic profession, the Master of Photography degree, presented by the Professional Photographers of America Inc. This recognition is only bestowed upon the top five percent of the photographers in the nation.

He was active in outdoor activities including, mountain climbing, skiing, sail-boating and kayaking. He was a promoter for the city of Whitefish and an original promoter of changing downtown Whitefish into an alpine theme. He was one of the original promoters of developing Big Mountain, assisting Ed Schenck in the promotion and location and also serving on the Board of Directors of Big Mountain in the



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formation of the corporation. He was helpful to the youth of the community.

He was a member of the Whitefish Boat Club and was on the board of directors of Glacier Natural History Association.

He is survived by his wife, Etta, at their home in Prescott; one son, Mike Lacy, Great Falls; a daughter, Mrs. Gary (Shiela) Morrison, Missoula; four grandchildren; two brothers, Larry Lacy, Paradise, and Stan Lacy, Lebanon, Ore.; three sisters, Ruth Moore and Carol Herak both of Spokane, Wash., and Reva Wise of Swan Lake.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Austin Chapel at 3 p.m. Thursday with Rev. Tom Best, a Unitarian minister, officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The casket will be closed prior to the funeral. Viewing will be Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

## Robert J. LaRocque, 33

8 Dec 1980

Robert J. LaRocque, 33, died Monday morning at his home in Martin City.

He was born Nov. 26, 1947, in Dunseith, N.D., a son of Robert and Annie LaRocque. He was raised

and educated in Havre.

He married Gloria Boushie in Havre on Sept. 27, 1970. They moved to California for a time and then to Martin City where they resided until his death.

Mr. LaRocque is preceded in death by his mother.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Mark and Robert, Jr.; two daughters, Arlis and Jamie; his father, Robert, of Havre; six sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Clare G. Laffoon, 72

TROY — Clare G. Laffoon, 72, Troy, died at the Libby Convalescent Center Friday.

Laffoon was a retired railroad employee.

He was born Dec. 2, 1907, in Clyde Park, Park County. In 1914 he moved with his parents to Troy, where he attended school. He worked in ore mines around the Troy area and also worked for Civilian Conservation Corps, a government-funded work project during the Depres-

sion. *Feb. 29, 1980*

In 1941, he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad, which was later to become Burlington Northern Railroad. He retired in 1974.

He married Iris Casse Aug. 15, 1933, in Libby.

He is survived by his wife at the family home: two daughters, Charline Garrison, Troy, and Gail Jefferson, Ephrata, Wash.; two sons, Larry, Troy, and Joel, Spokane; two sisters, Alice Belton,

Livingston, and Edith Halling, Seattle; a brother, Sam, Glendora, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Troy Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Terry Pooler officiating.

Burial will be in the Milner Lake Cemetery in Troy.

Vial Funeral Home of Libby is in charge of arrangements.

## William Lanfear, 76

*4 June 1980*

William Lanfear, 76, of 18 Second Ave. W., died Wednesday evening in Kalispell.

He was born July 12, 1903, in Fernie, B.C., Canada, and came to Eureka in 1909. He received his education in Gateway and moved to Kila in 1925. He married Alto Shero in Kalispell Nov. 28, 1928.

In his younger days he was employed in woods-

work and later in and around Kalispell in Chevrolet, Ford and Melby's garages as a mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Alta, at the family home in Kalispell; three sons, Marvin and Orville, both of Kalispell, and Judd, of Fort Peck; a brother, Reggie, of Somers; and four sisters, Florence Bruce of Kila, Ethel Denneau of Somers, Maude Burlingham in the Flat-

head County Nursing Home in Kalispell, and Emily Blollott at Victoria, B.C., Canada; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Chapel with Rev. J. Torrence Harvey, of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## William Lang, 79

*11 Jan 1980*

William Lang, 79, died at his home at 51 Riverside Road, Kalispell, Friday.

He was born May 26, 1900, in Owatonna, Minn., a son of Matt and Mary Lang. As a child he moved with his family to the Flathead Valley and attended Creston schools. He lived in the Creston area all of his life since coming to the Flathead. He engaged in farming and carpentry work until his retirement. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Lang was a single man and was preceded in death by

two brothers and one sister. He is survived by one brother, Otto Lang of Creston; two sisters, Louise Lang of Spokane, Wash., and Anna Dewey of Tacoma, Wash.; four nieces; two nephews and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Funeral services for Lang will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

12 July 1980

## Mildred E. Larsen, 81

WHITEFISH — Rosary was recited Wednesday for Mildred E. Larsen, 81, of 231 West Second, Whitefish.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated today at St. Charles Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Smith as celebrant. Burial was in Whitefish Cemetery.

Mrs. Larsen was born Jan. 8, 1899, in Maquoketa, Iowa, a daughter of Peter and Birdie Bradley. She received her schooling in Maquoketa and Muscatine, Iowa.

She married Harlow Vincent Larsen Feb. 21, 1929, at Muscatine. In 1930 the couple moved to a ranch at Eli, Neb., where they lived until 1946 when they purchased a farm at Ainsworth, Neb. In 1957 they moved to Helena where Mr. Larsen was employed with the Bureau of Reclamation at Canyon Ferry Dam. They were transferred to Dillon and Dupuyer before retiring and moving to Whitefish in 1969.

Mr. Larsen died in June 1974.

Mrs. Larsen was a member of St.

Charles Church, Ainsworth BPOE Does Drove 54, the Whitefish Golden Agers, and has been active in the American Legion Auxiliary at Ainsworth.

She is survived by three sons, Melvin of Whitefish, Tony, Westport, Wash., and Don of El Toro, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Jesse (Jeanette) Marshall, Savannah, Mo.; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Roger Bradley, of Clinton, Iowa. She was preceded in death by 2 daughters and one son.

12 Oct, 1980

## John S. Lavadure, 82

John S. Lavadure, 82, who had resided at 215 Second Ave. W., died Sunday evening in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 2, 1898, in Cascade, a son of Phil and Annie Lavadure. He attended school at Fort Shaw and later homesteaded east of Zortman

from 1916 to 1935. He then worked in ranching at the Hanson Brothers Ranch at Zortman for many years. In 1962 he moved to Kalispell and continued to work in ranching in the Helmville area and in the local area. He had also been a cowboy while

ranching until his retirement.

He was a single man and is survived by four brothers, Joe, Ben and Edwin Lavadure, all of Kalispell, and Bob of Vancouver, Wash.; two sisters, Meda Larson of Seattle, Wash., and Isabell Warren

of Sequim, Wash.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. John Churchill, intern pastor of the Central Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

16 Mar. 1980

## Aline Shannon Leadbetter

Aline Shannon Leadbetter, 85, died on March 16 at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on Jan. 15, 1895, the daughter of Alexander and Margaret Talcott. She married Albert Shannon in 1915 and shortly afterward the couple move to Great Falls and later to Browning where Mr. Shannon was associated with the Browning Mercantile Co. for many years and later was with the First National Bank.

He died in 1957.

She married James. L. Leadbetter on March 17, 1961. He operated the Park Theater in Browning. The Leadbetters retired and moved to the Lakeview Village in Polson in 1977.

Mr. Leadbetter died July 28, 1978.

Mrs. Leadbetter is survived by a son, McClellan E. Shannon, Sepulveda, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Frank (Ruth Shannon) Steel of Bigfork; a stepson, Richard J. Leadbetter, of Candberra, Australia; a

granddaughter, Tara Shannon of California; two grandsons of Bigfork; and one great-grandson.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Immaculate Conception Church in Polson with the Rev. J. Bruce Plummer as celebrant.

Internment will follow in Lakeview Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mosley Funeral Home in Polson.

5 July 1980

Richard B. Layton, 64, Lakeside, died Saturday at the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Layton was born Oct. 24, 1915, at Chester, the son of Henry and Emma Schultz

## Richard Layton, 64

Layton. He attended schools in Chester and then enlisted in the Army in 1940, serving in central Europe, Ardennes, Rhineland and Iceland. Following his separation from the service in 1944, he returned to Chester where he operated a radio and TV shop, a greenhouse, a restaurant and followed construction.

He married Betty Haymaker at Chester Jan. 14, 1967, and they moved to Lakeside in 1973 and had made their home there since that time. In 1976 they purchased the Blacktail Inn in Lakeside and were operating it at the time of his death.

Layton was on the Chester Volunteer Fire Department for 17 years and was a member of the Chester VFW.

Surviving are his wife at the family home in Lakeside; four sons, Leslie of Alaska, Gay and Steve of

Chester and Richard of Glendive; four daughters, Marilyn at the family home, Darlene of Tucson, Ariz., Carol of San Jose, Calif., and Charlene of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; two brothers, Edward and Lawrence of Chester; four sisters, Mrs. Ray (Myrtle) Kratcha, Shelton, Wash., Alice Schwede, Chester, Mrs. Don (Eleanore) McGarry, Butte, Mrs. John (Mary) Dedrickson, Libby; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death

by one son and two sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Lakeside Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. Graveside services will follow at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell at 12:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department.

Weatherford Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

11 May 1980

## Zelpha Lebert, 83

Mrs. Zelpha Elaine "Bundy" Lebert, 83, who had resided at 111 Fifth Ave. E., died in Seattle Sunday evening.

She was born Dec. 27, 1896, in Albany, Mo., a daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Barbara Alice Rice. She had received her early education in Missouri and in 1925 moved to Kalispell. She was a gradu-

ate of the Kalispell General Hospital School of Nursing and had worked in nursing at the hospital for a number of years. She also worked as a private nurse in private homes for many years.

She married John Lebert in Kalispell Oct. 14, 1937, and was preceded in death by him on June 25, 1947. She also was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by one son, Thomas Bundy; one stepson, Jack Lebert; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Charles Cyr; and six grandchildren, all of Kalispell; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Poe of Clarkston, Wash., and Mrs. Emily Brown of Portola, Calif.

Funeral services are planned for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Chapel. Burial will be in the Whitefish Cemetery.

31 Oct. 1980

## Dr. John J. Lynch, 56

Dr. John J. Lynch, 56, who had resided at 1400 Foothills Road, died early Friday morning in Kalispell.

He was born May 14, 1924, in Chicago, Ill., a son of John and Zelda Lynch. He was a graduate of the Loyola University of Chicago and the Stritch School of Medicine. He was a veteran of World War II, having

served three years in the U.S. Air Force.

He practiced medicine as a specialist in internal medicine in Mount Prospect, Ill., for 23 years before coming to Kalispell in 1979. He practiced here since that time.

Dr. Lynch was a member of the Risen Christ Parish and the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He was preceded in death by his parents. In 1953, he was married Eileen Moore and is survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by eight children, John, James, Mary, Matthew, Peter, Robert, Madeline and Philip; and five brothers and sisters.

The body will lie in state at the Johnson Funeral Home for visitation from 7-9 p.m. today. It will then be forwarded to the Lauterburg-Oehler Funeral Home of Arlington Heights, Ill., where services and burial will be held at a later date.

16 Dec 1980

## Fernando Luchi, 76

Fernando Luchi, 76, who had resided at 675 W. Washington, died Tuesday evening in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 10, 1904, in Chicago, Ill., a son of Eugeneo and Deidamio Luchi. When he was 5 years old he moved with his family to Cut Bank, where he received his schooling. He homesteaded with his family for a time and later entered railroad work and was employed with the Great Northern Railroad for 46 years prior to his retirement in 1966.

He then moved to the Renton, Wash., area for 10 years where his wife, Helene, died in 1977. He moved to Kalispell where on Oct. 14, 1978, he married Alice Wakefield. He had lived here since that time.

Mr. Luchi was preceded in death by a son, Allen, in 1949.

He is survived by his wife, Alice, at home; three daughters, Flora Nasset and Lucy McLean of Shelby and Deana Ulven of Spokane; three brothers, George and Omerò of Cut

Bank and Amerigo Luchi of Sand Lake, Penn.; and a half-brother, Jino Lucas, formerly of Spokane.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. John Allen officiating. After the services the body will be forwarded by the Johnson Funeral Home to the Burns Funeral Home of Cut Bank. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Burns Funeral Home in Cut Bank with burial to follow in the Crown Hill Cemetery there.

## Wilhelm 'Bill' Lemke, 93

Wilhelm "Bill" Lemke, 93, of Woods Bay, died Tuesday afternoon at the

Bigfork Convalescent Center.

He was born July 1, 1886, in Berlin, Germany. As a young man he moved to Glasgow where he farmed and ranched until 1935. He then moved to Woods Bay, south of Bigfork, where he was employed with the U.S. Forest Service at Swan Lake until his retirement.

He is survived by his son, Richard W., of Denver.

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Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Little Brown Church near Bigfork with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating. Burial will be in the Lonepine Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Friends and relatives may call at the Johnson Chapel until 9 p.m. Friday for visitation. The casket will not be opened at the services.

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13 Sept, 1980

## Arthur F. Lentz, 65

Arthur F. Lentz, 65, of 357½ Eighth Ave. E.N., died in Kalispell Saturday.

He was born Sept. 12, 1915, in Big Sandy, Chouteau County, a son of William and Anna Lentz. He moved to the Flathead Valley when he was 15 years old.

He has lived here since then except for time he spent with the Army during World War II.

He was employed with the Montana State Forestry Department more than 15 years prior to his retirement in 1975.

On Jan. 20, 1951, he married Clara Eisenman in Kalispell. Lentz was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church, Kalispell Eagles Lodge for 25 years, American Legion for 34

years, and the VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Clara, at the family home; four sons, Donald of Rexford, Frank of Alaska, Jim of Kalispell and Jerry at home; eight daughters, Mary Lou of Missoula, Mrs. Chuck (Nancy) Willhom of Billings, Mrs. Terry (Cathy) Thirsk of Harlowton, Wheatland County, Linda of Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Jim (Dorothy) Bradley of Kalispell, Mrs. Hal (Diane) Phillips of Whitefish, Karen of Nemo, S.D., and Barb at home; one brother, William of Spokane, Wash.; six sisters, Eva May of Texas, Margaret Berger and Mrs. Clifford (Ruby) Stoner, both of Kalispell, Mrs. Ray (Amanda) Kammer, Mrs. Alan (Catherine) Nettie

and Mrs. Frannie (Dorothy) Major, all of Portland, Ore; and 17 grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. James R. Newman, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens, where military graveside rites will be conducted.

9 Mar, 1980

## Charlotte Lester, 55

Charlotte Lester, 55, of Somers, died in Kalispell Sunday morning.

She was born June 5, 1924, in Somers, a daughter of Burt and Lillian Bull. She had received her education and spent all of her life here.

She married Robert P. Lester in Somers Jan. 1, 1944.

Mrs. Lester had been employed as a telephone operator for a time and had also worked at Sliter's store for many years. She had been active in church and community affairs. She was a member of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church and had been active in volunteer programs of the area. She was also a

member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Bigfork.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, at home; one son, Bill Lester of Bigfork; one daughter, Myrna Rathbun of Shelton, Wash.; five grandchildren; one brother, Edward Bull of Kalispell; three sisters, Amy Rydeen of Hot Springs, Beatrice Bays of Shelton, Wash., and Caroline Porteous of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lester will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Eidsvold Lutheran Church with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home. The family suggest memorials be made to the Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

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Lina Marie Levitt  
Lina Marie Levitt was born Feb. 22 in Whitefish. She was 22 inches long and weighed 9 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.  
She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Levitt of Kalispell. She joins Joshua 20 months.  
Her grandparents are Gene and Trina Levitt and Allan and Shirley Graham, all of Columbia Falls.

## **DI Otto Carl Lich, 71**

*23 Jan 1980*

Otto Carl Lich, 71, died on Wednesday evening at his home at 1105 Fourth Ave. E. in Kalispell. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Kalispell Masonic Lodge 42 AF&AM.

He was born March 20, 1908, in Kalispell, a son of William and Ida Lich. He attended Pine Grove School and the Flathead County High School. He then graduated from Mechanics School in Bozeman. He now is survived by his wife, Katie, at home; one daughter, Dorothy Ann Lich, of Albuquerque, N.M.; and one sister, Hulda D. Lich.

On June 10, 1940, he married Katie Wilson in Kalispell. Memorial services for Lich will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum officiating. The body will be cremated.

Lich had been employed as a heavy duty equipment operator for the city of Kalispell and also for Flathead County for a time. He was later employed as a truck driver for the Garrett

## **Michael Lidstrom of Whitefish dies**

*28 Feb 1980*

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Michael David Lidstrom, age 24, a resident of Whitefish died Saturday in Whitefish.

He was born June 26, 1955 in Whitefish, a son of Vern and Shirley Lidstrom.

He received his education in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1973. He attended Flathead Valley Community College for a short time before he joined the U.S. Army and served two years in Ger-

many. He was married to Cathy Hilgers on Aug. 20, 1977 in Whitefish and was currently employed at Markus Grocery Store in Whitefish in the meat department.

He is now survived by his wife, Cathy at the family home in Whitefish; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lidstrom of Whitefish; one brother, Mark Lidstrom of Whitefish; two sisters, Marcia Hegna of Whitefish and Melodie Pesanti of Butte,

Mt.; seven nieces and nephews and many friends.

Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m. in the Christ Lutheran of Whitefish with the Rev. Neal Ruedisili officiating. Cremation will follow the funeral services.

The family has suggested memorials could be made to the Whitefish High School wrestling team or March of Dimes.

25 June 1980

## John Lind, 57

LIBBY — John G. Lind, 57, died Wednesday morning at his home in Libby.

He was born Aug. 15, 1922, in Buhl, Minn. He followed construction as a powder man. At the time of his death he was employed by Eagle Construction Co. in Libby.

Lind was an Army veteran of World War II. He married Blanche McCarthy Oct. 19, 1949, at Calumet, Minn. He moved to Libby in 1967.

Survivors include his

wife, at the family home; two daughters, Sheila Hoffman and Diane Hoover, both of Libby; one son, Ray, of North Dakota; his father, John, of North Dakota; one sister, Mary Holloway, Scotia, N.Y.; and nine grandchildren.

Christian wake services

will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Vial Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Vial Funeral Home with the Rev. James Thomas officiating.

Burial will be in the Libby Cemetery with military graveside honors.

## Mamie Logan, 91

14 Apr 1980

LIBBY — Mamie Logan, 91, died Monday morning at the Libby Convalescent Center.

She was born March 7, 1889, in Sault Sainte Marie, Mich. She attended school in Missoula, Big Sandy and Zortman.

She married Marcus

Logan Aug. 28, 1915, in Forsyth. The couple came to Libby in 1950.

Her husband died in 1953.

Mrs. Logan was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth Halkyard, Burney, Calif. and Sunny Seaford, Libby; two sisters, Josephine Stewart, Redding, Calif. and Margaret Sewell, Fallen, Nev.; a brother, James Murray, Burney; six grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Vial Funeral Home in Libby with the Rev. James Thomas officiating.

Christian wake services will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Gerald Lockman, 51

4 Feb. 1980

THOMPSON FALLS - Gerald Robert Lockman, 51, of Thompson Falls, died at his home Monday.

Born Aug. 1, 1928, in Poplar, a son of Clem and Agnes Lockman, he received his education there and was employed by Roosevelt County for a time.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, returning to Montana afterward. He was employed in construction work and worked for the Washington Construction Co. of Missoula for the past 15 years.

He was a member of the

Operating Engineers 371.

Lockman was a Catholic.

He was a single man and is survived by four brothers, Earl of Garden City, Calif., Bernard of Redmond, Ore., and Wilbur and Lyle, both of Poplar; and three sisters, Calista Oftedahl of Miles City, Helen McFayden of Springfield, Ore., and Mrs. Melvin (Monica) Peterson of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

The rosary service for Lockman tentatively is planned for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection tentatively is planned for 11 a.m. Friday in St. Matthews Catholic Church with the Rev. Emmett Kelly as celebrant. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.



# John Lortie rites Thursday

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28 Feb 1980

John Lortie, age 75, passed away Monday morning at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Nov. 19, 1904 in Brainerd, Minnesota, a son of Frank and Adaline Lortie. He was raised and educated in Bemidji, Minnesota. He served in the Armed Forces during W.W.II.

On Oct. 15, 1952 he married Elsie Violet McKles-

ky in Bemidji, Minnesota. In 1955 he moved to Columbia Falls and worked as a mill worker until his retirement. He has been a resident of the Montana Veterans Home since 1977.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Al and Vic, and by his wife, Elsie.

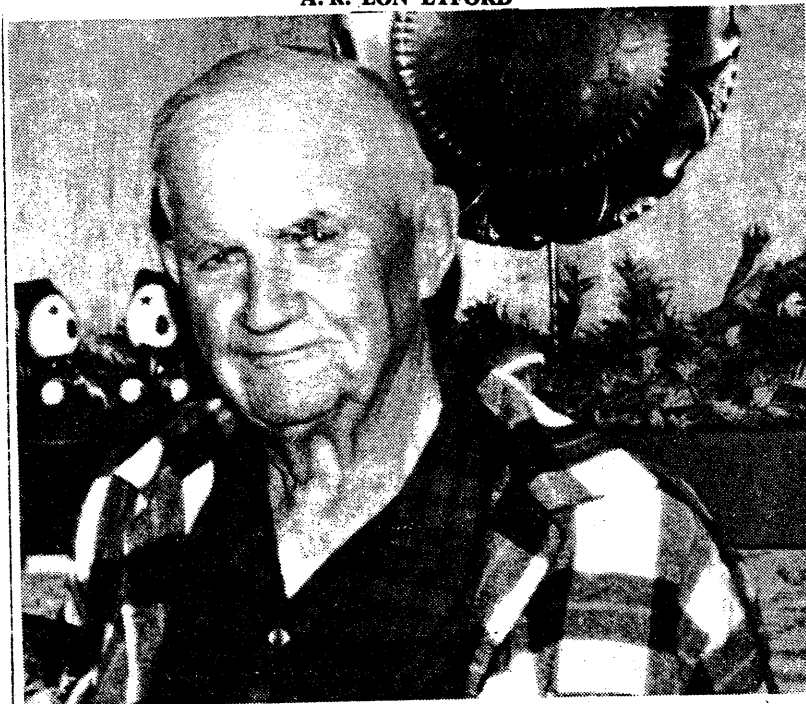
He is survived by one sister, Adaline Shellhorn of

Bemidji, Minnesota, and one sister-in-law, Hazel Lortie, of Bemidji, Minnesota.

Funeral services for Mr. Lortie were Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in the Montana Veteran Home Chapel with the Rev. Ralph Werner of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was made in Woodlawn Cemetery with military graveside rites by local veterans.

A. R. 'LON' LYFORD

27 Feb. 1980



A. R. (Lon) Lyford, 80, 1021 Second St. W., Kalispell, died at his home Feb. 22 after several weeks of illness. He was born Mar. 22, 1899, in Kingman, Kan., the son of William and Isabelle Lyford. In 1919 he moved with his family to the Kalispell area. He was employed by the Noffsinger Park Saddle Horse Co., where he served as a guide in Glacier National Park. On Sept. 22, 1924, he married Ruth Hollingsworth in Kalispell. He established the Lyford Plumbing and Heating Co. in 1932 and was active in the business until his death. Lyford was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, held local and state offices and was a member of the Central Christian Church. He was

preceded in death by his parents; three half-brothers, George, John and Frank Dern; and two half-sisters, Ethel Phillips and Nellie Collins. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, four sons, Wilbur, Robert, Ronald and Jerry Lyford, a sister, Catherine Strassburg, all of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Funeral services were Monday in the Central Christian Church with the Rev. Dr. M. Eugene Mockabee officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the Central Christian Church or the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

19 Feb 1980

## Benjamin Lower, 63

EUREKA — Benjamin "Mac" V. Lower, 63, a truck driver, died Tuesday in his home in Eureka of natural causes.

Lower was born July 2, 1916, at Melcreek, Ohio. He

was raised in Cachoctow County, Ohio, and he moved to Montana as a young man. He lived in Eureka for many years and worked as a truck driver.

Survivors include one

daughter, Michelle Nelson, Libby; and one brother, Hank Lower, Kilmichael, Miss.

Graveside services were conducted Monday at 1 p.m. at the Tobacco Val-

ley Cemetery with the Rev. Carl Pershall of the Baptist Church officiating.

The Vial Funeral Home in Eureka is in charge of arrangements.

15 Sept. 1980

## Roger Luedecke, 43

LIBBY — Roger Luedecke, 43, died Monday in St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby after a long illness.

He had worked for the St. Regis Paper Co. as a sawyer for the past 20 years.

Mr. Luedecke was born in Missoula on Jan. 22, 1937, and came to Libby with his family in 1941 from Hamilton. He attended school in Libby and Corvallis. On Sept. 11, 1960, he married Juanita Maynard in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, three sons, Billy, Shawn and James, and his mother,

Gladys, all of Libby; two sisters, June Clark, Libby; and Patricia Morgan, Shawnee, Okla.; three brothers, James, Atwater, Calif.; David, Hawthorne, Calif.; and Don, Glenhausen, West Germany; his paternal grandmother, Charlotte Luedecke, Corvallis; and his maternal grandmother, Florence Breckenridge, Spokane, Wash.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Vial Funeral Home in Libby with Jack Taylor as Christian Science reader. Burial will follow in the Libby Cemetery.

4 Jan 1980

## Mrs. Jeannette Lussier, 76

Jeannette Lussier, 76, died Friday at the North Valley Hospital, Whitefish.

She was born Feb. 16, 1903, to Weber and Mary Jane Kleinhans. Mrs. Lussier attended the Rousselle and Somers Elementary Schools, Flathead County High School in Kalispell, and Dillon Normal College. She taught schools at Salmon Prairie in the Swan Valley and at Foy's Lake in the early 1920s. She later learned her nursing skills in a self-directed continuing education program, earning her LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) after she was 60 years of age. She worked at the Kalispell General Hospital for several years and then in the office of Dr. Charles Trush until her retirement due to ill health.

Mrs. Lussier was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell and an active participant in the women's organizations of the church. She belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary and served in offices on the local and district level.

Mrs. Lussier was married to Louis H. Koenig at Somers on June 14, 1924. He

died May 6, 1951. On June 22, 1957, she married Joseph A. Luscier, who died August 26, 1966.

Mrs. Lussier is survived by a son, Albert H. Koenig of Helena, Mont.; two daughters, Mrs. Jesse (Louise) Eayrs of Kalispell and Mrs. Dale (Dorothy) Fuller of Prineville, Ore.; three brothers; Paul Kleinhans of Selma, Cal., William Kleinhans of Republic, Wash., and Henry Kleinhans of Somers; three sisters; Sara Fine and Letitia Johnson, both of Missoula, and Martha Pratt of Salem, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell, with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating, followed by burial in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Weatherford Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

26 May, 1980 **Hazel Luxford, 85**

Hazel M. Luxford, 85, 1470 Tamarack Lane, Columbia Falls, died Monday evening at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born April 6, 1895, in Iowa, a daughter of Jack and Cloy Merwin. As a young girl she moved to eastern Montana with her parents where she was raised and educated. She married her husband in 1917 in Glasgow where he worked as a mechanic. She moved to Coram in 1960 and then to Columbia Falls in 1976 where she resided until her death.

She is preceded in death by her

parents, two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by one daughter, Sylvia Kreber of Columbia Falls; one son, William Luxford of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Alita Farnell of California and Gladys Khuns of Glendora, Calif.; 20 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Luxford will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Hunter, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Columbia Falls, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

22 Feb. 1980

**A.R. 'Lon' Lyford, 80**

A.R. (Lon) Lyford, 80, 1021 Second St. W., Kalispell, died at his home Friday after several weeks of illness.

He was born March 22, 1899, in Kingman, Kan., the son of William and Isabelle Lyford, who were pioneers in that area of Kansas.

Lyford lived there during his early years and was a member of the Kansas state and National Guard. In 1919, he moved with his family to the Kalispell

area. He was employed by the Noffsinger Park Saddle Horse Co., where he served as a guide in Glacier National Park.

On Sept. 22, 1924, he married Ruth Hollingsworth in Kalispell. He established the Lyford Plumbing and Heating Co. in 1932 and was active in the business until his death.

Lyford was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, held local and state offices

and was a member of the Central Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three half-brothers, George, John and Frank Dern; and two half-sisters, Ethel Phillips and Nellie Collins.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, four sons, Wilbur, Robert, Ronald and Jerry Lyford, a sister, Catherine Strassburg, all of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Central Christian Church with the Rev. Dr. M. Eugene Mockabee officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Central Christian Church or the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

**JEAN M. LYNCH**

13 Feb 1980

Jean M. Lynch, 84, Immanuel Lutheran Home, died Feb. 7th. She was born Oct. 14, 1895, at Neosho Rapids, KS, a daughter of Robert and Frances Wilson. She moved with her family to Montana where they settled in the Echo Lake area. She taught school at Mountain Brook, Bear Dance and Swan River. She married William Lynch July 28, 1920. They farmed in the Bigfork area, later moving to the Lower Valley until retiring in 1969 when they moved to Kalispell. Mrs. Lynch was an avid gardener and active in church and community affairs. She was a long-time member of the Central Bible Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Aug.

24, 1976, and since that time had lived at the Immanuel Lutheran Home. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Joanne) LaRue, Valdez, Alaska, and Mrs. Norman (Louise) Skiftun, Bigfork; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Ross Wilson, Polebridge; and a sister, Sadie Fuller, Spokane. Services were Monday with the Rev. Kenneth Young, pastor of the Central Bible Church, officiating. Burial in Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials to the Central Bible Church or Immanuel Lutheran Home.

### JOHN R. LOY

John R. Loy, 85, of Great Falls, former 40 year summer resident of the Bigfork - Woodsbay area, died August 10th in Great Falls. He was born in 1895 at Fairfield, Wash. He was married to Carolyn Bakke at Fort Benton in 1928. He is survived by

his wife, his daughters, Mrs. Roger (Helene) Doney, Mrs. Manfred (Janice) Haiges of Kalispell and six grandchildren. Services were held at the Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum Chapel Wednesday. Cremation has taken place.

## Walter H. Lewis, 48

*14 Feb. 1980*

MOSES LAKE, Wash. — Services for Walter H. Lewis, 68, a former Columbia Falls resident, were conducted Feb. 19 in Moses Lake, Wash.

Interment was in Pioneer Memorial Gardens there.

Lewis died Feb. 14 shortly after admittance to a nursing home in Moses Lake.

He was born in Bad Rock, Aug. 11, 1911, the son of S.W. and Anna Lewis. He was employed by the

National Park Service in the Glacier National Park for 14 years and also had engaged in woods work and farming in the Flathead.

He was married to Bertha Wrege, March 9, 1970, in Kalispell. They

moved to Moses Lake in 1971, where he was employed by U and I Sugar until retiring in 1976.

Survivors include his wife in Moses Lake; three sisters, Mrs. Ella Van, Mrs. Clyde (Claudia) Hill

and Mrs. John H. (Edith) Taylor, Columbia Falls; and one brother, Edward Lewis, Yakima, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Harry, Everett and Albert Lewis.

## Harlow Liesenfeld, 84

*15 Mar. 1980*

Harlow K. Liesenfeld, 84, died Saturday afternoon at his home in Coram.

He was born Aug. 12, 1895, in La Crosse, Wis., a son of Franklin and Sadie Liesenfeld. In 1908 he moved to Great Falls with his parents where he received his education. He served in the armed forces during World War I and World War II.

He married Ruth Garrison in Great Falls on Dec. 4, 1917. He worked as a printer for the Great

Falls Tribune for 44 years until his retirement. In 1955 they moved to Coram where he resided until his death.

Liesenfeld was a 65-year member of the International Typographical Union.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Liesenfeld is survived by his wife, Ruth, at the family home; one sister, Alidah Dill of Great Falls; one daughter, Betty Maguire of Great Falls; four granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are tentatively set for Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Croxford and Sons Mortuary in Great Falls. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.